

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-56 have been cancelled. Please amend claims 1 and 63, and add new claims 72-79 as shown in the claim listing below. All pending and withdrawn claims are listed below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1-56 (cancelled)

57. (currently amended) A self-service dispenser for dispensing at least one portable gaming device including: said dispenser being controlled by a computer; said computer operationally interfaced with a first transceiver; said gaming device receiving data via a first two-way communication channel from said computer while being housed in said dispenser; said first communication channel being secure; [[and]] said data enabling operation of said portable gaming device following dispensing of said gaming device from said dispenser; said portable gaming device including a second transceiver; said portable gaming device in wireless communication with said computer via a second two-way communication channel comprising said first transceiver and said second transceiver.

58. (original) The dispenser of claim 57 further including a latch for securing said gaming device in said dispenser, said latch being released upon a predetermined event.

59. (original) The dispenser of claim 58 wherein said predetermined event is insertion of monetary consideration into said dispenser.

60. (original) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said dispenser receives from said portable gaming device an identification of said gaming device while said gaming device is housed in said dispenser.

61. (original) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said data includes a bingo card.

62. (original) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said data includes an encryption key.

63. (currently amended) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said portable gaming device includes a transceiver for wireless communication with said computer while being outside of said dispenser.

64. (original) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said dispenser charges a gaming device battery while said gaming device is housed in said dispenser.

65. (original) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said dispenser includes a bill validator for accepting monetary consideration in return for said gaming device.

66. (original) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said dispenser includes a card reader for reading a player club card.

67. (original) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said dispenser includes a printer for printing a sales receipt.

68. (original) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said dispenser includes a barcode reader for reading barcodes on said sales receipt.

69. (original) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said dispenser maintains an account for at least one user of said gaming device.

70. (original) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said dispenser credits said account upon return of said gaming device to said dispenser.

71. (original) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said dispenser refunds the balance of said account upon return of said gaming device to said dispenser.

72. (new) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said first communication channel is selected from the group consisting of infrared and LAN connector.

73. (new) A self-service dispenser for dispensing at least one portable gaming device including: said dispenser being controlled by a computer; said dispenser further including a latch for securing said gaming device in said dispenser, said latch being controlled by said computer and being released upon a predetermined event; said gaming device able to receive data from said computer while being housed in said dispenser; and said data enabling operation of said portable gaming device following dispensing of said gaming device from said dispenser.

74. (new) A self-service dispenser for dispensing at least one portable gaming device including: said dispenser being controlled by a computer; said dispenser further including a latch for securing said gaming device in said dispenser; said latch being controlled by said computer and being released upon insertion of monetary consideration; said gaming device able to receive data from said computer while being housed in said dispenser; and said data enabling operation of said portable gaming device following dispensing of said gaming device from said dispenser.

75. (new) A self-service dispenser for dispensing at least one portable gaming device including: a bill validator for accepting monetary consideration to enable operation of said portable gaming device; said dispenser being controlled by a computer; said gaming device able to receive data from said computer while being housed in said dispenser; and said data enabling operation of said portable gaming device following dispensing of said gaming device from said dispenser.

76. (new) A self-service dispenser for dispensing at least one portable gaming device including: a barcode reader; said dispenser being controlled by a computer; said gaming device able to receive data from said computer while being housed in said dispenser; and said data enabling operation of said portable gaming device following dispensing of said

gaming device from said dispenser.

77. (new) A self-service dispenser for dispensing at least one portable gaming device including: wherein said dispenser is controlled by a computer; said gaming device able to receive data from said computer while being housed in said dispenser; said data enabling operation of said portable gaming device following dispensing of said gaming device from said dispenser; and wherein upon a user returning said portable gaming device to said dispenser, said dispenser credits the user's account with bonus points as an incentive for returning said portable gaming device.

78. (new) A self-service dispenser for dispensing at least one portable gaming device including: wherein said dispenser refunds a deposit fee of said account upon the return of said portable gaming device to said dispenser; said dispenser being controlled by a computer; said gaming device able to receive data from said computer while being housed in said dispenser; and said data enabling operation of said portable gaming device following dispensing of said gaming device from said dispenser.

79. (new) A self-service dispenser for dispensing at least one portable gaming device including: a magnetic card reader; said dispenser being controlled by a computer; said gaming device able to receive data from said computer while being housed in said dispenser; and said data enabling operation of said portable gaming device following dispensing of said gaming device from said dispenser.